ഫീടയിമിന്ന് നിയമിക്കുന്നതിനെന്താണ വിരോധം? ര്ഥ ത്രപാ വരെ ഒരു അഞ്ചലാപ്പീസ്സിൽ വരവുണ്ടാകണമെങ്കിൽ അവിടെ വാള്യം ആഫ് വർക് സ് ഉണ്ടാകും. അതുകൊണ്ടു അവിടെ ഒരു ഫീടയിം ആഫീസരെ വെക്കത്തക്ക ജോലിയില്ലെ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. കണ്ണൻനായർ *(Secretary to Government)*.— ബാക്കിയുള്ള അഞ്ചലാപ്പീസ്സിന്റെ തുകയും ഈ തുകയും ക്രൂടി നോക്കുമ്പോൾ ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മെമ്പർ പറയുന്നതുശരിയാണെന്നു തോന്നുന്നുണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ *(Pazhayannur)*.—ഇങ്ങിനെയിരിക്കുന്ന സ്ഥിതിക്കു ഫ മുതൽ ഫ ക. വരെ ശമ്പളത്തിൽ പഴഞ്ഞിയിൽ ഒരു ഫീടയിം അഞ്ചൽമാസ്റ്ററെ നിയമിക്കുവാൻ ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിനു ഭയമുണ്ടാകുമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. കണ്ണൻ നായർ *(Secretary to Government)*.— ആലോചിക്കാം.

Toll-gates near Aloor (Irinjalakkuda)—opening of—Protest against.

111. **Mr. A. V. Moothedan** *(Chalakkudi)*.— Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether they have received any representations protesting against the opening of new toll-gates near Aloor (Irinjalakkuda);

(b) was any notice published in the Gazette before the opening of such toll-gates ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar)*.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*.—Were any orders passed on the recommendations made to the Government?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar)*.—I am enquiring into those petitions. I have just received the report from the Tahsildar and I am going through it.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*.—What is the purport of the Tahsildar's report?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar)*.—All these people who will be affected do not want it.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*.—Is it not very hard to open a toll there?

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Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar)*.—There is some substantive reason for opening up a toll there. Very recently two new roads have come into existence. They are Irinjalakuda—Karanchera Road and the other road to Mala and those people have to pay a toll at Alur. Since the opening of these roads, we have started this toll gate. If we shift it to somewhere else, opposition will come from people there.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*.—Can Bullock-carts go by that road?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar)*.—It has been made fit for even car-traffic from last year. I went there three times and the road was found to be quite sufficient for my car.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*.—Was it notified in the Gazette before the date of auction?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar)*.—No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*.—When was it notified.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar)*.—After Government orders were received? You will find it on page 79 of the Gazette dated 29-2-1113.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*.—Did the people raise objections?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar)*.—It is not usual to anticipate objections before a toll is established. I reported to Government the fact that the toll is necessary and it was sanctioned. But I may assure the Hon'ble Member that I consulted the Pattadars of the place and I can say generally the Car-owners alone protest. Generally he permits me to shift the toll somewhere away from his house. That is all.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*.—Do the Government realise that each agriculturist in the locality will have to pay a toll of Rs. 20 annually?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar)*.—No.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*.—They have to cross and re-cross everyday for taking manure, etc.,

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar)*.—I know that there are only three carts in the locality and I also know

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that the objection comes from a Panchayat Member who has a car. Everybody knows that it is easy for a Panchayat Member to get as many as 2000 signatures to a petition and of these 2000 only 2 or three might have got carts.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ (*Ezhuvas North*).—സർ, ഈ പുതിയ ചുങ്കം മൂലം ഗവൺമെൻറിനു പ്രത്യേകിച്ചു് വല്ല ആദായവുമുണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*).—Not this year.

Contractor, Bolghatty—Ernakulam Ferry—Complaints against.

112. Mr. P. Sankunni Menon (*Elankunnapuzha*).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they are aware that the Bolghatty—Ernakulam Ferry Contractor is making undue exactions from the passengers on the things carried by them;

(2) has it ever been brought to the notice of the Government that the contractor is deliberately avoiding the notification of the rates and the maintenance of balance and weights as required by the rules;

(3) has the Government at any time deemed it necessary to compel the Ferry Contractor to maintain a board notifying the rates and also balance and weights with a view to stop the undue exactions;

(4) has the Government taken any steps regarding the various complaints that have been made against the contractor; if so, what are the steps taken;

(5) is the Government aware that the ferry boat capsized on 5th October 1937 while approaching the Ernakulam ferry jetty; if so, has the Government taken any steps against the contractor?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*).—(1) No.

(2) Yes. A petition has been received in the matter.

(3) Yes. Instructions have been issued to the contractor in the matter.

(4) Yes. They are being enquired into in detail.

(5) Yes. No steps are called for against the contractor since it has been found that he was not at fault.

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